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PREVENTING CHECK FRAUD  
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#### English-Language Documents

Patentee	Patent No.	Issue Date
Murphy et al.	4,672,377	June 9, 1987
Steger	5,594,226	January 14, 1997
Josephson	5,819,236	October 6, 1998
Houvener et al.	5,832,464	November 3, 1998
Scrader et al.	5,903,881	May 11, 1999

#### Foreign-Language Documents

The following foreign-language documents are being brought to the attention of the Examiner along with a concise explanation of the relevance of each document, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information of each document:

#### Other Documents

Check Fraud: A Guide to Avoiding Losses

The undersigned believes that no fee is required with this IDS. If a fee is required, however, please charge deposit account No. 05-0875 as required.

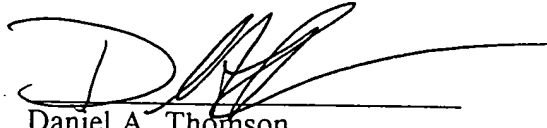
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	4	6	7	2	3	7	7		Jun 9, 1987	Murphy et al.	340	825. 34	Sept. 9, 1985
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	5	8	3	2	4	6	4		Nov. 3, 1998	Houvener et al.	705	45	Aug. 21, 1996
	5	9	0	3	8	8	1		May 11, 1999	Scrader et al.	705	42	June 5, 1997

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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